



METROPOLITAN HOUSING COMMISSION

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2009 AT 8:00 AM

**COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT,
310 N. COMMERCE PARK LOOP, SANTA RITA BUILDING,
TERRACE CONFERENCE ROOM, TUCSON, ARIZONA**

LEGAL ACTION REPORT

1. Call to Order
Meeting was called to order at 8:09 AM.
2. Approval of January 8, 2009, minutes
MOTION was made by Mike Grassinger and seconded by Evelia Martinez to approve the minutes of February 12, 2009. MOTION passed unanimously.
3. Chair's Report on Current Events- **Susie Soto reported on the Impact Fee issue that was passed by Mayor and Council (M & C) on Tuesday, March 10, 2009. She discussed how the 20 member Stakeholders Subcommittee that reported to Mayor and Council on this issue held 6 meetings prior to their reporting to Mayor and Council and how the options presented to M & C were discussed on the deferment of impact fees for Developers and waiver of impact fees for non-profits and the voluntary contribution of accumulated interest go towards the Housing Trust Fund. Susie will provide staff with documents presented at these meetings plus the membership list so that staff can distribute to Commission members.**

Leslie Carlson informed Commissioners that there will be a Food Bank Walk on Saturday March 21, 2009. She will send the flyer for this event to the Commission Members.
4. Update by Staff on Affordable Housing Issues – Andrea Ibanez
Andrea Ibáñez provided a handout on Affordable Housing from NAHRO. She informed Commission Members that she had not received any news on the Arizona Department of Housing Director position. There was no new news on the Neighborhood Stabilization Plan and we had not received any details on the Stimulus Grant yet.
5. Legislative Update
Will be discussed under the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee
6. Update on Tucson Housing Trust Fund
Andrea reported on the last Citizens Advisory Committee meeting. The THTF Citizens Advisory Committee voted to utilize \$250,000 on the First Time Homebuyers Program.

7. City General Plan
Copy provided to Commissioners and copies of a handout from Pete Chalupsky was provided in reference to Rental Housing Policy for General Plan. This item will be scheduled to come back to another commission meeting for further discussion in the future.
8. Assignment of individual Commission Members as liaison to Mayor and Council for Commission issues – **This item was deferred to the Governmental Affairs for further discussion.**
9. Report on the “Call to Action, Forging Regional Solutions for Pima County” Meeting
Commission Members that attended this meeting discussed the various presenters and issues that were discussed. The follow-up meeting has been scheduled for April 3, 2009 in Marana. Commission Members would like information on the Housing Trust Fund be provided at the next meeting in April, possibly the Marketing Points that the Marketing and Public Relations Subcommittee is working on. Andrea will talk to Olga Osterhage about what is on the agenda for the next meeting in April and provide the information to the Commissioners.
10. Subcommittee Updates/Reports/Potential Action
 - Community Land Trust – Mike Grassinger, Chair
No report was provided. Mike Grassinger informed the Commission that they have not met recently.
 - Governmental Affairs – Janet Marcus, Chair
Janet Marcus and Pete Chalupsky reported on contacts that have been made and issues that they have emailed to different legislative and State Government contacts. Pete will continue to contact people. If any Commissioners have any names and information of staff that he can contact or email please let him know. He has been educating different groups on housing trust issues.
 - Marketing & Public Relations – Evelia Martinez, Chair
Evelia Martinez informed the Commission that the first meeting was held on February 25, 2009 and the next one is set for March 18, 2009 at 3:30 PM. They decided at the last meeting to invite the members of the Tucson Housing Trust Fund Citizens Advisory Group to their next meeting. They are working on developing a matrix of contact people. They are also working on addressing the issue of what affordable housing is. Staff was asked to provide the Housing Trust Fund brochure to the Commission Members.
 - Membership Recruitment – Jim Brooks, Chair
Jim Brooks was not present. The Membership Subcommittee has not met. Discussion was held on application received and a request was made to staff that a meeting be set and the application be reviewed.
11. Future Agenda Items
Andrea informed Commissioners that that City Attorney, Mike Rankin would be invited to speak. Commissioners requested that State and Federal funding updates be provided. Susie Soto would like information provided on HURF and a report from staff (Ron Whitman) on the \$250,000 allocated by the Tucson Housing Trust Fund Citizens Advisory Committee to first time homebuyers.
12. Call to the Audience

Mac Hudson, Ward 1 informed Commissioners that the follow up to the Arizona Town Hall meeting has been scheduled for March 18, 2009 at Pima Community College (Amethyst room) to follow up on housing.

13. Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned at 9:23 AM